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1. APPRECIATE REPORT REFTEL A.

2. GIVEN INDIA'S MEMBERSHIP IN NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE (NACC), IT IS IN PARTICULARLY FAVORABLE POSITION TO EXERCISE MODERATING INFLUENCE ON POSITIONS TAKEN AT ALGIERS MEETING OF NACC. DURING 30TH UNGA DEBATE, INDIA VOTED AGAINST US ON PRIORITY OF HOSTILE VS. FRIENDLY KOREA RESOLUTION, ALTHOUGH IT ABSTAINED ON SUBSTANTIVE VOTES. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE INDIA'S CAUTIOUS POSTURE AND UNDERSTAND CORE GROUP CONSENSUS (PARA 3 REFTEL A), YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI OFFICIALS

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AND CORE GROUP MEMBERS THE USEFUL ROLE THAT INDIA COULD

ASSUME IN DEFLECTING THE NON-ALIGNED FROM A CONFRONTATIONAL POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE. NEPAL AND MALAYSIA ARE ALSO MODERATES ON KOREA ISSUE AND MIGHT SUPPORT ANY INDIAN MOVE FOR NON-CONFRONTATIONAL POSITION.

3. FYI. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT NORTH KOREANS HAVE CIRCULATED ELSEWHERE AN ADDITION TO THE ALGERIAN ANNOTATION ON THE KOREAN AGENDA ITEM OF THE NON-ALIGNED

WHICH CALLS FOR REMOVAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES FROM KOREA. SHOULD THIS SURFACE IN NEW DELHI, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IT. END FYI. KISSINGER

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